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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 11 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 2

Organization of work of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/53/1 and Add.1).

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities/ Peacekeeping Support Account

2. Executive session on UNHCR

SECURITY COUNCIL

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	1387th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session 1998

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	21st meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Draft decision on the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001*(continued)* (E/ICEF/1998/13/Corr.1)

2. Closing of the session: remarks by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board [14]

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 11 September 1998

GROUP OF 77
("brainstorming" session on climate change)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

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Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

An informal meeting of the least developed countries will be will be held *today*, 11 September 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8, to finalize the draft declaration of the Eighth Ministerial Meeting of the least developed countries.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Secretary-General wishes to announce that a memorial service in honour of the staff members of the United Nations system who lost their lives in the airplane crash of 2 September will be held *today*, 11 September 1998, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

During the ceremony, the Secretary-General will offer a tribute to the deceased.

Except for places reserved for family members of those lost, seating in Conference Room 4 will be open.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

The 193rd meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will now be convened on *Thursday, 17 September 1998*, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda for the meeting will include the following items: (a) Resumption of the review by the Committee of its membership and composition pursuant to operative paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 52/159 of 15 December 1997; (b) Other matters. The meeting will be open to observers. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee could be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of other special items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/46, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Chairman of the Committee or to its Secretary (room S-3420D; fax: 963-6430) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 15 September 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

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A meeting of the Consultative Group for the International Year of Older Persons will take place on Tuesday, 15 September 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8. Items on the agenda include the introduction of the draft report of the Secretary-General to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

The third regular session 1998 of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA will be held from 14 to 16 September and 21 and 22 September 1998 in Conference Room 3. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1998/L.4.

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United Nations Development Programme

An inter-agency consultative meeting will take place on Friday, 18 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

High-level dialogue of the General Assembly on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications
(17-18 September 1998)

Plenary meetings

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings on Thursday, 17 September, is now open. To be inscribed, please contact the General Assembly and ECOSOC Affairs Division at 963-5063 (room S-2935G).

Ministerial round tables

As part of the high-level dialogue of the General Assembly, two ministerial round tables will be held on Friday, 18 September. The first round table on the topic of "the social and economic impact of globalization: national responses" will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the second round table on the topic of "the social and economic impact of globalization: international responses" will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (conference rooms to be announced). There will be no list of speakers for the round tables.

Informal panels

In conjunction with the high-level dialogue of the General Assembly, two informal panels will be held in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, the first on Thursday, 17 September, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the theme of "the economic impact of globalization" and the second on Friday, 18 September, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the theme of "the social impact of globalization." The panellists will be Ms. Susie Castore (Haiti), Ms. Liz Chitiga (Zimbabwe), Mr. Bob Deacon (United Kingdom), Mr. Fan Gang (China), Ms. Carmen Frei (Chile), Ms. Nancie Johnson (United States), Mr. Ayisi Makatiani (Kenya), Mr. Stephen Pursey (International Confederation of Free Trade Unions), Mr. Dariusz Rosati (Poland), Mr. Douglas Worth (United States).

Copies of papers submitted by panellists are available for pick-up by delegations outside room DC1-1420.

General debate
(21 September-2 October 1998)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) for the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly and ECOSOC Affairs Division (room S-2935G). The list has also been sent by facsimile directly to Permanent Representatives to the United Nations.

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Briefings

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing the following briefings for delegates from permanent missions and capitals attending a session of the General Assembly for the first time:

1. General briefing on the work of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly on Monday, 14 and Tuesday, 15 September 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

2. Special briefing on the work of the Second Committee of the General Assembly on Wednesday, 16 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

3. Special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly on Wednesday, 16 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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The Office of the Iraq Programme will hold a briefing on the practical aspects of oil-for-food contract processing, from submission of applications through payment for humanitarian supplies, as well as for the parts and equipment to enable Iraq to increase the export of petroleum and petroleum products.The meeting will be held on Thursday, 17 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5 and is open to all interested Member and Observer States, United Nations agencies and programmes, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental.

Announcements

Copies of the draft programmes of work of the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly are available in room S-2950. Delegations are kindly requested to take only one copy each.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 10 September 1998

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

MEETING OF STATES PARTIES
Eighteenth meeting 24th and 25th meetings

Opening of the Meeting

The Meeting was opened by the representative of the Secretary-General, Mr. Hans Corell, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, the Legal Counsel, who made a statement.

Election of the Chairman

The representative of Paraguay made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Jargalsaikhany Enkhsaikhan (Mongolia) was elected Chairman of the Meeting by acclamation.

Adoption of the agenda

The Meeting adopted the provisional agenda submitted by the Secretary-General (CCPR/SP/52) as its agenda.

Election of other officers of the Meeting

The Meeting unanimously elected Mr. Jacques Louis Boisson (Monaco) and Mr. Volodymyr Yu. Yel'chenko (Ukraine) as Vice-Chairmen.

Election in accordance with articles 28 to 32 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights of nine members of the Human Rights Committee for a term of four years

The representative of Morocco made a statement.

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

The following candidates were elected after the first ballot as members of the Human Rights Committee to serve from 1 January 1999 to 31 December 2002: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Tunisia), Mr. Nisuke Ando (Japan), Mr. Prafullachandra Natwarlal Bhagwati (India), Mr. Thomas Buergenthal (United States of America), Ms. Christine Chanet (France), Mr. Eckart Klein (Germany), Mr. David Kretzmer (Israel), Mrs. Cecilia Medina Quiroga (Chile).

The following candidate was elected after the second ballot as member of the Human Rights Committee to serve from 1 January 1999 to 31 December 2002: Mr. Hipolito Solari Yrigoyen (Argentina).

Election in accordance with articles 28 to 34 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to fill a vacancy in the Human Rights Committee, for the remainder of a term expiring on 31 December 2000

The representative of Spain made a statement.

There being only one candidate for the vacancy, the Meeting decided to elect Mr. Roman Wieruszewski (Poland) without a vote as a member of the Human Rights Committee to serve until 31 December 2000.

Other matters

No statements were made under this item.

The Eighteenth Meeting of the States Parties was declared closed.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Second regular session 1998 19th and 20th meetings

Proposals for UNICEF programme cooperation [7] (continued)

The Regional Director for East Asia and the Pacific made a presentation.

The Executive Board approved the recommendations contained in documents E/ICEF/1998/P/L.16/Add.1, P/L.17/Add.1 and P/L.30.

The Acting Regional Director for South Asia made a presentation.

The Executive Board approved the recommendations contained in documents E/ICEF/1998/P/L.31, P/L.18/Add.1 and P/L.19/Add.1.

The Acting Regional Director for the Americas and the Caribbean made a presentation.

Statements were made by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda, Colombia, France and Ecuador, to which the Regional Director responded.

The Executive Board approved the recommendation contained in document E/ICEF/1998/P/L.15/Add.1 and P/L.29.

The Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa made a presentation.

Statements were made by the representatives of Yemen, Iraq and the Islamic Republic of Iran to which the Regional Director responded.

The Executive Board approved the recommendations contained in documents E/ICEF/P/L.20/Add.1, P/L.32, P/L.33 and P/L.34.

The Regional Director for Central Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic States made a presentation.

Statements were made by the representatives of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Croatia and Germany, to which the Regional Director responded.

The Executive Board approved the recommendations contained in documents E/ICEF/P/L.35, P/L.36, P/L.37 and P/L.38.

The Regional Director for Europe made a presentation.

The representative of Switzerland made a statement.

The representative of Angola made a statement on the Angola country programme recommendation contained in document E/ICEF/1998/P/L.8/Add.1.

The Executive Board concluded consideration of agenda item 7.

Review of the consideration and approval process of country programme recommendations [8]

The Director, Programme Division, introduced the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Switzerland, Sweden (also on behalf of Denmark), the United Kingdom, France, Norway, the United States, China, Germany, Cuba, Jamaica and the Netherlands, to which the Executive Director and the Director responded.

The Executive Board approved the recommendation contained in document E/ICEF/1998/P/L.22.

The Executive Board concluded consideration of agenda item 8.

Report on internal audit activities [9]

The Director, Office of Internal Audit, introduced the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Sweden, Norway, France, China, Germany and Saudi Arabia, to which the Director responded.

The Executive Board took note of the report contained in document E/ICEF/1998/AB/L.7.

The Executive Board concluded consideration of agenda item 9.

Financial matters [10]

(c) GCO financial reports and statements for the year ended 30 April 1997 and for the period 1 May-31 December 1997

The Director, Private Sector Division, introduced the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and China, to which the Director responded.

The Executive Board took note of the reports contained in documents E/ICEF/1998/AB/L.10 and AB/L.11.

The Executive Board concluded consideration of agenda item 10.

Programme of work for 1999 [12]

The Secretary of the Executive Board introduced the item.

The Executive Board adopted the draft programme of work contained in document E/ICEF/1998/16, as amended.

The Executive Board concluded consideration of agenda item 12.

Report of the first meeting of the WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA CCH [11]

The Chief of the Health Section introduced the report.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, France, South Africa, Sweden, the United States and Denmark, to which the Chief responded.

The Executive Board took note of the report and the recommendations contained in document E/ICEF/1998/15.

Other matters [13]

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland and Sweden. The representative of the secretariat made comments.

Draft decisions

The representative of the United Kingdom introduced a draft decision on the review of the recovery policy of UNICEF, contained in document E/ICEF/1998/CRP.18, which was adopted by the Executive Board.

The representative of Bangladesh introduced amendments to the draft decision on the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001contained in document E/ICEF/1998/13/Corr.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of Sweden, France and the United States.

The Executive Board decided to hold informal consultations on the draft decision contained in document E/ICEF/1998/Corr.1.

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Exhibits

The fiftieth anniversary of the World Health Organization will be marked at the United Nations with the concurrent opening of two exhibits entitled "Fifty Years: So Much Accomplished, So Much Still To Be Done" and "The Edge of Awareness" on Monday, 14 September 1998, at 5.30 p.m. at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building. The exhibits will be officially launched by Mme Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General, and the programme will be emceed by Mr. Kensagu Hogen, Under-Secretary-General for Public Information. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Security announcement

The Security and Safety Service will convene a briefing for the Permanent and Observer Missions on Thursday, 17 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The subject of the meeting will be security arrangements for the fifty-third session of the General Assembly.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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